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## Creek ceremonial song to be included in Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian

WASHINGTON D.C., — The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will celebrate its Grand Opening on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Located on the fourth floor of the museum is the Preparation Theater program, a 13-minute presentation immersing viewers in the vibrancy and diversity of contemporary Native life and explores, from a Native perspective, the strength that different communities across the hemisphere derive from their connections to land, religion, traditional knowledge, self government, and self expression.

Overhead, images fill the 40-foot dome, transporting viewers to the vast reaches of the Arctic, the cool forests of the Northwest Coast, and the high plateaus of Bolivia. A center structure supports four additional screens, and emerging from the floor is a cast-acrylic "rock" that transforms from a rushing creek to a storyteller's fire. Surrounding visitors are objects from the collection that link to the stories. Among the tribal groups highlighted in the presentation are the Mi'kmaq (east), the Maya and Aymara (south), the Inupiat and Haida (north), and the Lakota, Muscogee-Creek, and Hopi (west).

The program is presented in a uniquely designed space that features sound, objective theater, and three projection surfaces, including a 360 degree dome. A portion of the music will be a stompdance song led by Creek Citizen Waylon Gray. The audio track is part of the Stompdance Songs of the Muscogee Nation, Volume I, recorded on July 18, 1999, at the Creek Nation Omniplex.



## Physicians witness pure Muscogee culture



Native American doctors from all over the United States and Canada were recently treated to pure Muscogee (Creek) Culture. On Friday evening, July 30, the Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center played host to the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP). The Association held its 33rd meeting in Tulsa, on July 25 through Aug. 1.

Participants were invited to a stompdance exhibition and a game of stickball. Clarence Tiger, left, of Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground and Jimmy Deere, of Greenleaf Ceremonial Ground, explain the rules of stickball to the interested audience.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Developing Mind, Body, and Spirit: Focus on Native Adolescent Health". Typically the annual meeting hosts 300 to 400 participants.

*photo by Gerald Wofford*

## Creek Association receives monies from National Council

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association received a \$41,750 check from the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

The check was presented on Tuesday, Aug. 3 during the association's monthly meeting. The funds will be used for the social services of the community, such as helping people in need of paying utility bills or medical assistance.

"We try to do so much," said Sue Morgan, Chairman of the Association, "because it is lacking here."

The Association, located on Southeast 29th street in Oklahoma City, tries to serve as many citizens as possible. This is not an easy task considering there are an estimated 4,000 Muscogee (Creek) people that live in the Oklahoma City metro area.

Shirlene Ade, Tukvpytce District Representative and Ron Cleghorn, Tulsa District Representative, were in attendance to present the check.



Shirlene Ade, pictured left, presents Sue Morgan, OKC Association President, with a check on behalf of the National Council.

"I'm really proud of the Oklahoma City Creek Association," said Ade to the members of the Association. "I know you will continue to grow in the future and I am glad that we are able to help you. I know that our Creek Citizens will benefit from this."

The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association community building and gift shop is open on Tuesdays from 9 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 6 p.m. The Association meets the first Tuesday of each month, with the

second Tuesday of the month being designated as Culture Night. For more information about the Oklahoma City Association, call (405) 605-2621.



Band thanks Creek Nation Festival

Editor:

On behalf of myself and my band we would like to thank you for inviting us to play this year’s Creek Nation Music Festival. We were impressed with the organization and professionalism before and during this event. We play several large venues each year and yours is among one of the most well run that we play.

We would also like to commend Ruth Bible for the expertise and organization that she contributes to this event. She is great to work with and very skilled at this job.

Again, thank you for allowing us to play this festival and hopefully we will work together in the future.

Sincerely,  
**Jimmy Markham, Okmulgee**

Creek Migration History

Editor:

My name is Neal Lynch. I am writing a paper on Creek migration history for the upcoming SAGE publication Encyclopedia of Immigration and Migration in the American West. My goal is to focus more on the Creek people of today rather than dwelling too heavily on the past. Much has been written on warfare, conquest, and removal, but precious little on where the Creek people are today, where they have moved beyond Oklahoma, and what they have accomplished in the past 50 years.

I am just learning about things like the Relocation Program of the 1960’s and the existence of Haskell Indian Nations University. This is exactly the kind of information I am hoping to find to present the story of late 20th century Creek people. Programs such as this explain why the Creeks have settled in areas other than Oklahoma, Georgia, and Alabama.

Another area if interest is the educational system and how Creek Culture is a factor in preparing the younger generations for life beyond the Nation.. I want to portray a modern view of the Creek Nation, and any resources and contacts you have to share are invaluable to my work and greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
**Neal Lynch, Brea, California**

Jackson Barnett thanks Creek Nation

Editor:

My name is Jackson Barnett and my new position with the Creek Nation is Senior Services Manager. This is my first opportunity to express my thanks to many individuals as I spend my first week on the job.

I want to thank Mr. Perry Anderson in Personnel for this support and recommendation. I

thank Mr. Robert Jones of the National Council for his sponsorship through the Budget and Government Committee and to the final roll call vote by the Council on June 26, 2004. My thanks also to the Council members who gave me their vote. I also thank Mr Claude Summer, Second Chief Berryhill, and Chief A.D. Ellis for their confidence and support. Thanks also to the people who came to shake my hand and tell me they were happy to have me aboard.

I feel a short summary of my background is in order. After high school in Arizona, I attended Bacone College. I was in the graduating class with my brother, Bill Barnett, Chubby Anderson, James Pratt, and National Council Speaker Thomas Yahola’s brother. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree from Central State University, Edmond, on May 1987.

I served in the military of our country, wearing the uniform of the U.S. Navy for eight years active duty. I am happy to have served. I taught in the area of trade and Industrial Education, Community College and Adult Education Division in the Oklahoma City Public Schools since 1981.

I see the duties of Senior Services Manager as vast and varied. I will begin by trying to visit all community centers as soon as I can. Any endeavor requires people working together and pulling in the same direction to make it work. I ask for your help and cooperation in anything you and I may be involved in.

I have been afforded the opportunity to work with my Creek people and for that I am grateful. I repeat here what I have always said and thought, Nvk Omeyvt, Nvk Oceyvt, Ponsomekvtee. I speak the Creek Language. If you can, stop by and visit, Room 109. Vhauke Estofis Hauket Ares. Mvto.  
**Jackson Barnett, Okmulgee**

Citizen enjoys second chief article

Editor:

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the article by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill. I’m learning old traditions that I have always wondered about. Please keep up the good and informative work with the articles and the newspaper. Reading and learning about the old ways is truly a way to preserve our heritage. Thank you for your work you put into our paper.

**Sue Harjo-Wanna, Lawrence, Kansas**

Former Senior Ms. thanks Creek Nation

Editor:

I would like to thank the Muscogee Creek Nation for giving me the opportunity to represent the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as their Senior Ms. during this past year. During my time as Senior Ms., I was able to visit several churches, community centers, elderly nutrition centers, schools,

camp and conferences. I was even able to do a video and a television spot with Chief Ellis. It was a wonderful year of experiences that I will never forget.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me and my efforts to represent to Muscogee Nation. I want you all to keep supporting our heritage and specially our language. Be proud of who you are and remember the ways you were taught. I’m proud that my parents raised me the way they did and grateful that they instilled in me the old time ways. I never thought that at the age of 92, I would be so honored to represent my tribe in such a manner.

I encourage everyone to support the new MCN royalty and specialty the Senior Ms. Fannie Barnett. I know that she will do a wonderful job. I may not be wearing the MCN crown, but I am still working towards my greater crown in glory.

Blessings on Our Nation.  
**Katie Thomas Smith, Coweta**

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Office of the Principal Chief...

by R.D. Ellis

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation owns two companies. One is the Trade & Commerce Authority that operates mostly commercial operations, our travel plazas, the new imaging company and the farm authority. Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise (MNBE) is the second business we own and is primarily the government contracts division with over 85 million dollars in federal contracts and is securing more. Both companies are governed by a Board of Directors with **Second Chief Berryhill** as chairman.

At the National Council Planning Session, July



27, 2004 the National Council requested a meeting with two employees of the MNBE in Executive Session at the request of Okmulgee Representative, **David Nichols**. This motion was to *exclude* the Principal Chief or Second Chief from this meeting. A secret discussion was then held, apparently dealing with our nation's issues. The two elected chiefs' should not have been excluded. Later the council called the Lighthorse Police into the secret session and again excluded the Chief and Second Chief. This is a tribal police force under my authority and I am chairman of the Lighthorse Commission. The council's conduct was a show of disrespect to the tribal administration and to the Chief's Office and the Second Chief. Last but not least, the two previous employees of MNBE who were interviewed by the National Council left a stack of papers that were distributed to all council members, knowing this was information concerning the Muscogee Nation owned company whose chairman is **Second Chief Berryhill** and involved govern-

ment contracts. I asked for a copy of this information and Hughes District Representative, **Lola Fields**, made a motion to *not allow the Chief or Second Chief* to see the papers until the council reviewed them. The council voted and agreed, with the exception of four representatives who said "*this is wrong.*"

This was a power-play by certain people who are elected to be legislators and are not elected to micro manage this nation or its business enterprises, which are managed by professional, proven business leaders.

I would urge all tribal citizens who want the three branches of government to work together toward a progressive future and move this nation forward to *make your voices heard.*

**Quote of the Month:** *When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child, when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.*

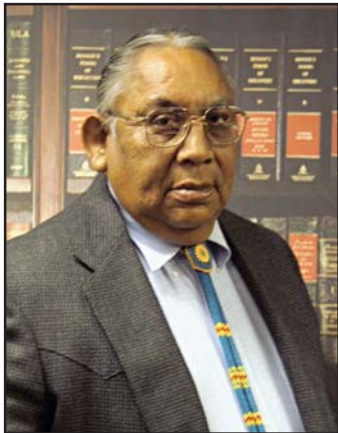
Second opinion

by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill

Henks Ce etvlwvvlkvke. I am happy to say that this month has been a fruitful month for negotiations. Along with Mr. Allen Harjo, David Proctor and myself, we made a visit with the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. We met with their Housing Authority to see if we could draft a Memorandum of Agreement to assist our citizens in their boundary and we will assist their citizens in our boundaries. Hopefully, this will be a small step to assist all citizens in the future.

As you know, Mr. Jackson Barnett is our official Senior Services Director. Mr. Barnett came to me after he had read the last issue of the MCN paper and expressed a desire to have a Story Telling Time (Nak Onakoce) some time in the near future, so, be looking for the time and place.

It is my opinion that you as a citizen of this great Muscogee (Creek) Nation should be made aware of your past. When our elders use to



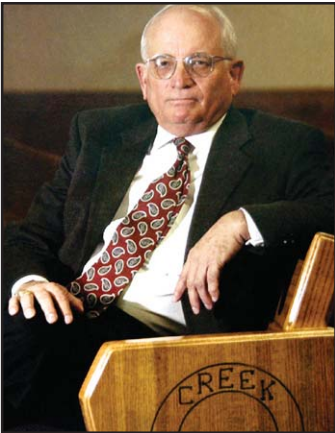
speaking, they would chase us youngsters away. We hardly ever heard of our great past and sometimes I think that the Trail of Tears had a lot to do with it, because it was a shameful time. There are elders among us who know parts of our past and I feel it's important that each one of us share our part to the general citizenry. I have asked our most esteemed District Judge Mr. Patrick Moore to be the contributing author for the next few Opinions. Some things need more space and his will require a series. For instance, how many of you knew that during the revolutionary war the Creek Nation had a navy? What were the names of these ships? Did they fly a flag? How many engagements were they in? In a few months, you will be able to answer these questions and more. Here is his first rendition.

Muskoke History Series

By Patrick E. Moore

The Bahama Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in Nassau, Bahamas, in the August 2-5, 1791 edition printed the following "A new flag was displayed here on Wednesday, that of the Creek Nation, worn by the vessel carrying General Bowles and the Indian Chiefs to the American continent." The Creek flag was de-

scribed as a blue cross superimposed on a red background with a blue background occupying the upper lefthand corner. The blue background of the upper lefthand quadrant contained a sun with human features resembling an American Indian. There is a variation of this flag described in Spanish transcripts as a rectangle, divided in the middle with a diagonal cross in the center of one side and a sun with human features in the center of the other side. The first Creek flag may have been manufactured in London, England while several Chiefs were visiting British supporters of the Creek Nation in its struggle to remain in control of Creek lands east of the Mississippi River. During the late 1790's and until approximately 1803, Bahamian Customs were legally only to allow vessels flying this flag to enter Nassau with trade goods from the southeastern Indians.



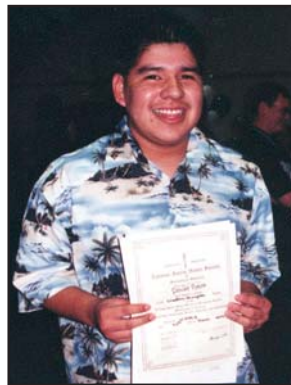
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## Education

### National Junior Honor Society

OKLAHOMA CITY — David Bear, a freshman at Western Heights High School has met the criteria in the selection process for membership in the Western Heights Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.



Bear

The National Junior Honor Society ranks as one of the most prestigious organizations. The honor society focuses on four key qualities: scholarship, service, leadership and character.

### Bullett nominated for national youth conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Jaymee Bullett, a student at Okmulgee High School, was nominated for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law in Washington, D.C. Nominees must have a G.P.A. of 3.3 or higher. Bullett has maintained a 3.5 G.P.A. for the last three years. This is the fourth award that she has received this year.



Bullett

The conference is Oct. 12 through 17. The total cost of the trip, which gives her practice and experience that she needs for law school, is \$1,729.

Bullett is accepting any donations. Send donations to: Jaymee Bullett, 1503 N. Creek Pl., Okmulgee, OK 74447.

### Bright kids study marine biology at Duke's Marine Lab

DURHAM, N.C. — William Doty of Henryetta has attended the Duke University Talent Identification Program for the third year.

For three weeks, students in grades eight through ten studies coastal, behavioral or physiological ecology at the Duke University Marine Lab. This program specializes in hands on marine studies with extensive lab time and substantial fieldwork in surrounding marshes and on research vessels.

The 2004 Marine Lab program reflects a coordinated team-caught approach to studying behavioral, coastal and physiological ecology, marine zoology and oceanography. Six summer studies programs were offered by Duke TIP.

Duke TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization designed to identify and develop academic talent. Since 1980, over one million students from all parts of the world have taken part in a Duke TIP program. The program receives support from student fees and donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Willima Doty is the son of Dave Doty and Susan Doty of Okemah. He the grandson of Percy and Ladonna Sharp of Okemah.

U.S. Department of Education release awards  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The University of Oklahoma has been selected to receive \$399,743 and Cross Culture Educational Center will receive \$447,168 for the first year of a three-year grant to improve the quality of Indian education and opportunities for Indian students.

"President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act is based on the premise that every child can learn and that every child deserves a high quality education, including Indian Children," said U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige. "These Indian education grants further this goal by providing training and professional development to teachers and administrators in these communities, thereby improving academic achievement."

The grant award is part of the Office of Indian Education's Professional Development program, which trains qualified individuals to become teachers and administrators in Indian communities. The program also provides resources to improve the skills of qualified Indians who serve in the education field. Further information, visit their website at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

## Births

### Mvhayv Cheyenne Felix

TULSA — Mvhayv Cheyenne Felix was born on June 11 at St. John's Hospital to Stephanie Crawford and Justin Felix.

She weighed 6 pound and 7 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Tina Vanwoudenbire and David and Dee Crawford.

Paternal grandparents are Karen Felix and the late Dennis Felix, all of Sapulpa.

Mvhayv is a member of the Wind Clan.



Felix

## Society

### Couple to celebrate 35th anniversary

MUSKOGEE — Louie and Kathleen Jackson will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23.

The couple married on Aug. 23, 1969 at Mary Lee Clark United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

The couple have two



L. and K. Jackson

children, Kelley Jackson of Muskogee and Kim Jackson of Tulsa. They have one grandson, Tony Jackson.

Louie works for the Sequoyah High School as the Dean of Students. Kathleen also works at Sequoyah High School as a teacher's assistant.

The couple reside in Muskogee and are both active members of the Fife Memorial United Methodist Church.

### Litsey named association congressional fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Richard O. Litsey, Hearing Office Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals at the Social Security Administration, has been named a Congressional Fellow for 2004–05 by the American Political Science Association (APSA) in Washington, D.C. He was one of eight federal executives in the nation selected for this prestigious program.

The fellows, who are early to mid-career professionals working in political science, journalism, the federal government, and health policy, were chosen on a competitive basis from nominations by academic and sponsoring institutions.

Litsey is the 47th executive from the Social Security Administration to have been named a fellow during the history of this program.

The fellows will complete a wide-range of activities designed to enrich their knowledge of the policy-making process and foster a better understanding of how legislative branch activities relate to the mission of their executive agencies and departments.

The fellowship was established in 1953 by the APSA and is generously funded by a grant from MCI. It is additionally supported by Congressional Quarterly, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Asia Foundation, the Department of State, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, and panel, chaired by Jeffery R. Biggs, Ph.D.

### Boy celebrates four birthday with Spongebob theme

OKEMAH — Brock Hicks celebrated his fourth birthday on July 6 with a Spongebob theme at his home.

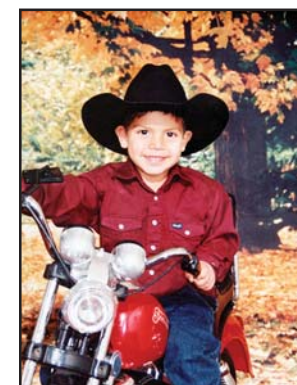
He is the son of Carrie Jacobs and Jeremiah Hicks.

Maternal grandparents are Patsy and Frank Jacobs. Paternal grandparents Jim and Jean Hicks.

Maternal great grandparents are the late Pauline Crawford and Jose Rameriz of Chandler, AZ and Betty Jacobs of Tulsa and the late Sam Jacobs.

Paternal great grandparents are Sissy Lewis of Hanna and the late Jonas Artussee and Eliza and Houston Hicks of Henryetta.

Brock has one brother, Bradley, age 9, and one sister, Alisha, age 5.



Hicks



# First Nations to hold Native Food Summit 2004

## Recipe for change

WASHINGTON, DC—During the last several decades, tribal elders, tribal leaders, public health experts and economic development practitioners watched as many Native food systems have broken down. Traditional sustenance was eradicated as the life and livelihood of tribes underwent drastic, often violent, change in the 19th century. Today, those living in more remote areas of the country often experience higher food prices and limited selections of fresh nutritional foods. To rediscover how important

agricultural traditions are to Native Americans, the First Nations Development Institute is holding the 2004 Native Food Summit, 9-11 September in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. “The Native Food Summit will provide a unique opportunity for Indian Country and anyone interested in Native food systems to learn about what’s happening with the Native food movement,” explained Sherry Salway Black, senior vice president, First Nations. The Native Food Summit 2004 is a two and a half day initiation into Native food, how to build sustainable food systems, and the most effective ways to market those “fruits” of Indian Country’s labor and land for both social and economic benefit. Presenters include native chefs, food historians, public health educators, marketing and distribution experts, foundation representatives and Native community practitioners.



These experts are scheduled to present: Cooking demonstrations, Lessons learned from case studies where local Native food systems were successfully built, workshops on the marketplace and business and Lectures on culture, diet and health. For countless generations, traditional, wholesome foods have been the primary ingredients in Native American cooking. Traditional foods were often considered “medicine” that helped maintain strength and health and every level. Native agriculture was community-based. Every community member took part in the responsibilities necessary for reaping harvests’ reward-clearing the land, planting and harvest, and then, processing and sharing the results of their combined labor. Now increasingly, Native communities recognize that healthy food systems, all the process involved

in getting food and agricultural products into production and on to the consumer, are crucial to healthy Native communities. Tribes and rural Native communities are working to renew healthy food systems. Programs operated by Native communities are regaining control of local land assets, implementing traditionally sound organic food production techniques, expanding tribal outreach to improve knowledge about healthy eating, and deepening community understanding of the Native connection to Mother Earth and her resources, as well as the spiritual responsibilities for both that run deep in Native culture. “The traditional Native diet has sustained Indian Country’s health and spirits for centuries,” said Loretta Barrett Oden, Native chef, restaurateur, historian, and scheduled presenter. “These same foods and food-growing applications are critical to the pres-

ervation of Native ways and practices. Not surprisingly, some of the popular non-Native diets today have embraced many traditionally Native foods and dishes.” First Nations Development Institute’s Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative, with primary funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is working at the local level with Native communities to help them renew their Native food systems. Components of these projects include health education to starting community organic farms to food processing ability in incorporating technology for marketing and education. Other Food Summit funders include Ben & Jerry’s, The Co-operative Foundation, The Spirit Foundation, Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation, Potawatomi Casino, Indian Summer Festival and USDA. The Native Food Summit is being held in conjunction with Milwaukee’s Indian Summer Festival, one of the largest, most popular Indian festivals. The celebration features traditional arts, music, and dance demonstrations. Participants can see a Native food demonstration sponsored by First nations. On September 9 and 10, attendees may want to catch Peter Buffet’s music and dance production, Spirit- The Seventh Fire. As much live concert as epic film, Spirit-The Seventh Fire is a voyage of discovery built around Native American dance, music, and storytelling. For more information on First Nations and its programs and to register for the 2004 Food Summit on-line, go to [www.firstnations.org](http://www.firstnations.org), or call 540-371-5615 to request a conference brochure and registration form. First Nations Development Institute was founded in 1980 with the mission to assist Indigenous peoples to control and develop their assets and build the capacity to direct their economic futures in ways that fit their cultures.

## Doctor's Note: Back to school time

*From the office of Dr. Lawrence Vark, Division of Health Chief Medical Officer*

OKMULGEE — It’s back to school time once again. Children and their parents may have some health related tasks to complete before the school year starts.

Making sure that your child has all of his/her immunizations up to date prior to the beginning of school is very important. Take your child’s immunization card to the doctor’s office with you.

Another important task is the school sport physicals, these are required for your children to participate in school sports activities. Call the Muscogee (Creek) Nation clinics now to schedule these physicals. The clinics generally do not see school physicals on a walk-in basis, so make your appointments now to be sure you can get them done by the school’s deadline. If you are not sure of deadlines your schools athletic director should be able

to answer those questions for you.

Practice sessions start in the very hot days of our Oklahoma summer. Athletes may want to begin increasing their outdoor activities before practices start to get acclimated to the heat. It is vital that athletes training in this type of weather have a good fluid intake to prevent dehydration. Athletes should start drinking fluids before practice starts and replace fluids during and after practice. Water is a great replacement source, but some of the commercial fluid replacement products also have electrolytes to replace those lost by sweating. Salt tablets are generally not recommended.

On behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System, we wish everyone an enjoyable and safe back to school season!

### Tobacco Prevention seeks ATS participants

OKMULGEE — In an effort to better understand the effects of smoking in the Muscogee (Creek) population, the Tobacco Prevention Program will be conducting a comprehensive Adult Tobacco Survey within the Creek Nation boundaries.

Tobacco holds a special status that is demonstrated in the beliefs and practices of some tribal members. Tobacco has many medicinal, spiritual, and practical uses. This survey will aid us in gathering tobacco specific data related to the Muscogee (Creek) population.

It is important to further evaluate the reasons for habitual use of commercial tobacco abuse and to reveal other tobacco related information. This survey was developed to aid in the development of a comprehensive and preventative cessation program. Creek citizens must be 18 years old or older. Each participant will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate for their time and contribution. For more information contact Julie Looney at 918-756-6231.

# Housing Authority of the Creek Nation 2004 Program Activity Report

HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM			Fiscal Year starting Oct 03			
	FEB 04	JAN 04	DEC 03	NOV 03	OCT 03	YTD
APPLICATIONS						
RECEIVED	15	10	14	5	13	42
APPROVED	8	9	1	3	9	22
HOUSED	—	5	—	15	1	21

Source: HACN Monthly Reports

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT			Fiscal Year starting Oct 03			
	FEB 04	JAN 04	DEC 03	NOV 03	OCT 03	YTD
ACQUISITION PROGRAM						
HOUSES PURCHASED	5	1	—	3	1	10
HOUSES APPROVED FOR PURCHASE	6	6	—	—	—	12
NEW CONSTRUCTION						
UNITS COMPLETED	—	—	9	—	—	9
SITES COMPLETED/PURCHASED	10	—	—	—	—	10
TURNKEY PROJECT UNITS	70 Pending					

Source: HACN Monthly Reports

NAHASDA HOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAM			Fiscal Year starting Oct 03			
	FEB 04	JAN 04	DEC 03	NOV 03	OCT 03	YTD
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES						
APPLICATIONS REC'D (Private Homes)	7	6	8	3	5	29
WORK ORDERS RECEIVED	25	41	30	34	34	164
Total Repairs	4	6	4	7	13	34
Minor Repairs	27	35	34	27	63	186
SCOPES OF WORK COMPLETED	24	34	26	29	62	175
FINAL INSPECTIONS COMPLETED	58	41	33	40	30	202
FORCE ACCOUNT (Minor Repairs)	Note: Jobs received may contain multiple tasks					
JOBS RECEIVED	69	116	79	80	71	415
JOBS COMPLETED	53	96	67	65	57	338
PLUMBING	49	105	59	57	81	351
CONSTRUCTION	19	22	21	22	19	103

Source: HACN Monthly Reports

LOW RENT PROGRAM		Units occupied per site during February 2004				
	Okmulgee	Checotah	Eufaula	Okemah	TOTAL	
UNITS OCCUPIED PER SITE	60	37	31	33	161	
UNITS UNDER REHAB	40	22	10	20	92	
UNITS COMPLETED	18	9	—	—	27	

Source: HACN Monthly Reports



Transit Authority Survey

Okmulgee — The June edition of the Muscogee Nation News contained an article pertaining to the establishment of an Muscogee (Creek) Nation Transit Authority. This is a great opportunity for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and it's citizens. The survey form below is vital to this project and the information will enable the Transit Authority plan out a program that will provide for the greatest needs in all areas. Please fill out the survey form and return to: Ben Chaney, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, P. O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. The deadline for survey submissions is August 31.

Okmulgee Needs Foster Parents

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee county department of human services needs foster parents to sign up immediately so that they can take part in the August 16 - September 16 training. Any individual interested in becoming a foster parent will receive competency-based pre-service training that clearly defines the requirements and challenges of foster care.

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services is searching for adoptive parents for children of all ages, especially those six and over. For more information please contact Pat Wilson, Rhonda Dickerson, or Carol Compton at 918-752-2000 or 1-800-551-1582.

Wellbriety Celebration Day

GLENPOOL — There is a Wellbriety Celebration Day September 11, starting at 10 a.m. and running until sun-down. In conjunction with this there will be a wellbriety pow-wow running from 2 p.m. until midnight. There will be fun activities for children ages 2 to 20, including food, sports, storytelling, crafts, and a magician. A Lakota Rose Run will include several running teams. A meal of grilled hotdogs, cheezits, sugarless koolaid, and cookies will be provided.

Social Dance

WASHINGTON, DC — On September 21 the National Congress of American Indians and the American Indian Society will be hosting a cultural exchange for tribal groups that will be gathered in Washington, DC during the week of the grand opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). The opening of the NMAI is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Native peoples to come together to celebrate the vibrancy and longevity of our native cultures.

All groups desiring to participate in the cultural exchange by dance, song, or other traditions should contact the NCAI to sign up for a 10 minute time allocation. As sharing our cultures in celebration is the main focus of the event, we encourage invitational and other participatory activities. The social dance will begin when the Museum's opening ceremony concludes at approximately 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please contact Jamie Gomez at the NCAI at 202-466-7767 or jgomez@ncai.org.

School Clothing Program

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Of-fice of Child Care is continuing to accept applications for the School Clothing Program.

This year, unlike previous years, there are two school

clothing programs available, one with income guideline restric-tions and one without income guideline restrictions.

Applications may be picked up at your nearest tribal community center or call (800) 205-3705 or (918) 732-7680.

Applicants must be a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, must be enrolled in school, and must submit income verification to determine which program you qualify for.

Marshall Family Reunion


WETUMKA — A family reunion for the descendants of Mandy Herron and Lewis Marshall will be held at the

Wetumka Indian Baptist Church on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, beginning at noon. Each attending family member is re-quested to bring a covered dish, door prize, and a 2 liter bottle of pop. For more information please contact Karen Powell at 918-652-4584.

Watson Family Reunion

STROUD — The Watson family will be having a re-union at the Sac and Fox complex Saturday September 11, starting at 11 a.m. It will be a pot luck dinner.

For more information contact Pete Riley at 241-3123.



MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRANSIT AUTHORITY

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

5-17-04

The purpose of this survey is to accurately reflect the transportation needs of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. If you would benefit from a public transportation system, please complete this survey and estimate useage and times as correctly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this important survey.

1. Tribal member \_\_\_\_\_ Non Tribal Member \_\_\_\_\_

2. County \_\_\_\_\_

3. Age

0-10

11-20

21-40

41-60

61-70

71-80

81-90

91+

4. Nearest Community Center \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please indicate expected travel needs each week by specifying destination and checking the day of the week and type of need.

Travel reason	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Destination
Work							
Medical							
Community							
Social							
School							
Other							

6a. If your travel needs have specific arrival times, please indicate the approximate time you need to be at your destination.

Reason	A.M.						P.M.						non specific	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5		6
Work														
Medical														
Community														
Social														
School														
Other														

6b. If your travel has specific return times, please indicate the approximate times.

Reason	A.M.						P.M.						non specific	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5		6
Work														
Medical														
Community														
Social														
School														
Other														

7. Would you require a bus with handicap accessibility?

Yes

No

Other comments

Please return completed survey to your community center or mail to:

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

P.O. Box 580

Okmulgee, OK 74447

Ben Chaney, Transportation Planner

Thank you for taking time to fill out this very important survey

July District Court filings

Protective Orders:

- KNIGHT: Susan V. WALTER: Dudley
- RILEY : Christina V. BRITT: Johnathan
- JACKSON: Carressa V. HARJO: Earnest
- JAMES: Doretha V. WATASHE: Sylvester, Sr

Criminal Misdemeanor:

- MCN v. AQUIRRE: Roger  
ct; 1: Public Intoxication
- MCN v. MORROW: Travis  
ct; 1: Public Intoxication
- MCN v. COOPER: Joe Don  
ct; 1: Disorderly Conduct

TRAFFIC:

- MCN v. HILLS: Heather Ann  
Disorderly Conduct
- MCN v. GRIFFIN: Rocky  
Disorderly Conduct
- MCN v. WARREN: Clarence  
Disorderly Conduct
- MCN v. WARREN: Clarence  
Open Receptacle Containing Alcoholic Beverage
- MCN v. HOLT: Chris  
No Driver License
- MCN v. HOLT: Chris  
No Insurance
- MCN v. TEEL: Jimmy  
Disorderly Conduct
- MCN v. WEBB: Cassandra  
Expired Tag
- MCN v. WEBB: Cassandra  
Driving w/o a license
- MCN v. MCEVERS: Vickie  
Disorderly Conduct
- MCN v. ASH: Casey  
Disorderly Conduct

Family Domestic:

- TCSE ex rel FOLSOM: Paula v. OSBORNE: Richard, III

Divorce:

- YOUNG: Tonya v. YOUNG: Jon Cornell
- THOMPSON: Augustine v. THOMPSON: Larry, Sr.
- JENNINGS: Robert v. JENNINGS: Teresa
- JOHNSON: Celesta v. JOHNSON: Michael
- STATUM: Myra v. STATUM: Gerald

Civil/Small Claims:

- LIEVSAY: Beula Dianna  
Name Change
- LOWE: Leslie v. FISH: Jonathan  
Petition to Establish Paternity, Custody, Visitation, &  
Child Support
- BUTLER: Leandrea Rawell  
Petition to Establish Paternity
- KALLOS: Brittany & Brook  
Name Change

- ROYAL FINANCE V. WILSON: Lucinda  
Small Claims
- EDMERSON: Angela v. MONTGOMERY: Larry  
Petition to Establish Paternity, Custody, Visitation &  
Child Support

Legal Notices

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Case No. CV 2004-37  
In the District court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,  
Okmulgee District: In Re Custody of Lysie Hokose Wilson,  
A Minor Child.

Affidavit For Service By Publication

Shane M. Wiggans, of lawful age, being first duly sworn,  
upon oath deposes and states as follows:

1. I am the Legal Clinician for the Petitioner in this  
action.
2. I have followed all leads available to me, and found  
that the information that is available to me is insufficient for the  
purposes of locating the Respondent in an attempt to give proper  
service upon him.
3. I hereby swear or affirm that I have made a  
meaningful search of all reasonably available sources to as-  
certain the whereabouts of the Respondent, and that with due  
diligence, service cannot be made upon the Respondent by  
any method other than publication.

/s/ Shane M. Wiggans, Legal Clinician for Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July,  
2004

/s/ Dyan Bramwell, Notary Public

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Service of Summons By Publication Notice

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Mark Edward Fisher  
TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for Peti-  
tion to Establish Paternity in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
District Court, Okmulgee District, State of Oklahoma, Case  
No. D2004-13, styled In re Custody of Lysie Hokose Wilson.  
The action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled custody of the  
minor child and past and future child support consideration.  
You are notified that you must answer the Petition  
filed by the Petitioner on or before the 15th day of September,  
2004, or the allegations contained in the Petition will be taken  
as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor  
or Petitioner as prayed for in her Petition.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of July,  
2004.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court  
Okmulgee District, Oklahoma

/s/ Tobie King, Deputy  
/s/ Charles H. Tripp, Attorney for Petitioner, MCN  
University of Tulsa/Muscogee (Creek) Nation Law Clinic  
407 South Florence Avenue  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104  
(918) 631-5799  
Fax (918) 631-5798  
/s/ Shane M. Wiggans, Student Clinician for Petitioner,  
MCN 319  
University of Tulsa/Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian  
Law Clinic  
407 South Florence Avenue  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104  
(918) 631-5799  
Fax (918) 631-5798

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Case No. CV 2004-44  
In the District court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,  
Okmulgee District: In The Matter of Name Change of  
Brittany Louise Kallos and Brooke Leanne Kallos, Minors

Notice of Filing Petition for Change of Name

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Whom it may concern  
Kimberly McNac, next friend to Brittany Louise  
Kallos, born July 28, 1991 and Brooke Leanne Kallos, born  
July 19, 1993, has filed a Petition in the above Court to have  
both minor’s names changed from Brittany Louise Kallos to  
Brittany Louise McNac and Brooke Leanne Kallos to Brooke  
Leanne Kallos to Brooke Leanne McNac and the same will  
be heard in the courtroom of Judge Patrick R. Moore, located  
in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Courthouse, Okmulgee,  
Oklahoma, on the 31st day of August, 2004 at 10:00 o’clock  
am, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person  
may file written protest in this case prior to the date set for  
hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 15th day of July, 2004.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court  
Okmulgee District, Oklahoma

/s/ Tobie King, Deputy  
  
/s/ Kimberly Appelman, MCN # 324  
Student Clinician for Petitioners  
The University of Tulsa, College of Law  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Indian Law Program



# Where do the 2004 Presidential Candidates Stand on Native American Affairs

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is a public interest founded in 1943 by members of the Religious Society of Friends. FCNL seeks to bring the concerns, experiences and testimonies of Friend (called Quakers) to bear on policy decisions in the nation’s capital. People of many religious backgrounds participate in this work. FCNL’s staff and volunteers work with a nationwide network of thousands of people to advocate social and volunteer work with a nationwide network of thousands of people to advocate social and economic justice, peace, and good government.

## Tribal Sovereignty

President George Bush: I believe the government should allow Tribes greater control over their lives, land and destiny.

Sen. John Kerry: Recent Supreme Court cases have addressed jurisdictional issues on reservations. I will work to foster cooperation between Tribes and State to develop government-to-government relationships that respect both governments. State, local, and tribal governments all share common purposes to administer justice and provide basic services. States and tribes often share geographic borders as well as economic and social systems..I believe that working together, the federal, as well as state, local, and tribal governments can fashion innovative solutions to better serve citizens.

## Mismanagement of Trust Fund Accounts

President George Bush: White House spokesman Taylor Gross said the Bush Administration, “supports the legislation that was passed.” This statement is in reference to a legislative rider attached into the fiscal year 2004 Interior Appropriations Bill to block federal spending on the historic accounting of mismanaged trust fund accounts.

## Health Disparities

President George Bush: To ensure the future success of America’s tribal communities, my administration is committed to improving education, increasing employment and economic development, and ensuring better access to health and human services for all American Indians and Alaska natives. Government-wide, we proposed in the 2004 Budget to spend over \$11 billion on Native American programs. Sen. John Kerry: The Indian Health Service is severely under funded, and I support preventative care for Indian Country, including initiatives for diabetes and cancer screenings.

## Crime/Tribal Law Enforcement

Sen. John Kerry: Many law enforcement agencies in Indian Country are under staffed and under funded. As President, I will support increased funding to law enforcement on Indian land to address high crime rates by providing more resources for officer hiring and retention, and drug control and youth crime prevention. As President, I also will seek increased funding for tribal courts. I will work to improve services to American Indian victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

## Education

President George Bush: The Department of Education’s Office of Indian Education is working to implement the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 within the Native American community. Indian tribes, schools, and local education agencies that serve American Indian and Native Alaska children will have access to nearly \$122 million in grants to improve education opportunities. The Department of the Interior’s 2004 program includes over \$49 million for American’s tribal colleges and universities. This investment will help American Indian Students reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. Sen. John Kerry: The BIA school system is only one of two federally

operated school systems. With an estimated over \$2 billion backlog for school repairs in these BIA schools, I support repairing and building new schools for this country’s American Indian Children. I also support increased funding for tribal colleges and I have written to President Bush, opposing his efforts to limit set-asides for tribal colleges.

## Economic Development and or Gaming

President George Bush: On my way to visit Asia, I stopped in Alaska, a place of tremendous natural beauty and important energy resources. I met with many Alaskans, including native leaders who want to preserve the grandeur of their state while carefully developing the energy beneath a small fraction of it. New technology makes this possible. Our national security makes it urgent.

Alaskan know firsthand that modern technology allows us to bring oil to the surface cleanly and safely, while protecting our environment and wildlife. We should listen to Alaskans who support exploring ANWR in a safe and clean way.

Sen. John Kerry: I will help increase loans to Native-owned small businesses through the Small Business Administration. In the Senate, I have cosponsored the Native American Small Business Development Act. This legislation would create a permanent Office of Native American Affairs at SBA and would create a new grant program to assist American Indians and Alaska Natives.

## Tribal Role in Homeland Security

Sen. John Kerry: I recognize that with the vast expanses of lands that Native Americans control and manage and which often lie on this country’s borders, tribes need to be a partner in protecting this country and an active participants in our efforts to improve homeland security.

# Supreme Court recognizes congressional authority over Indian affairs

By Ben Welch (American Indian Report July–2004)  
Remember U.S. v. Lara: IT SHOULD go down in history as one of the most important victories for American Indian sovereignty.

As the United States Supreme Court wrapped up its 2003–04 term last months, many Indian law experts and advocated agreed that U.S. v. Lara ranks as one of the most important decisions the court made this term, and perhaps, one of the most important decisions for American Indian tribes in a decade.

The Court issued it’s opinion in April, ruling that Congress has the authority to recognize Indian tribe’s inherent power to prosecute nonmember Indians for certain crimes committed on reservations not their own.

The ruling overturned the Court’s Duro decision, where the Court held that Indian tribes no longer have such inherent authority to prosecute nonmember Indians. Congress responded to Duro by amending the Indian Civil Rights Act and restoring “the inherent right of Indian tribes...to exercise criminal jurisdiction over all Indians.” The Amendment to the ICRA has been left some crimes unpunished.

While many tribal leaders would rather have independent, self-determinative governments, given recent Supreme Court jurisprudence on Indian sovereignty, those leaders would rather remain subject to congressional power than the power of the Court.

“I think the tribes’ view, generally these days, is that they would rather have their sovereignty in Congress’ lap,” says Riyaz Kanji, a partner in the firm of Kanji & Katzen who coauthored an

amicus brief for the National Congress of American Indians in the Lara case.

As surprising and encouraging as the Court’s opinion is, those following cases currently in the lower courts know that in the coming months the Supreme Court will likely have more supple targets towards which to direct attacks on inherent tribal sovereignty. While the Supreme Court may be wary of undermining the plenary power of Congress, certain justices may have no qualms with finding that tribal prosecutions of nonmembers Indians violate the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

One of the most interesting, and perhaps most dangerous, questions the Court might grapple with in its next term or thereafter is whether the power to prosecute nonmembers Indians, but not non-Indians, violates the right to equitable treatment under the law. In lower federal courts, some nonmembers Indians prosecuted in tribal court are already claiming that it is unfair to subject them to tribal prosecution while a suspect who is not Indian will never face tribal prosecution for a crime committed on a reservation.

Guest warns that any nonmembers Indian who argues that tribal prosecution violates equal protection is oblivious to the consequences. If such an argument succeeds, and tribes cannot prosecute nonmembers Indian, then the federal government is more likely to step in and carry out the prosecution, then the federal government is more likely to step in and carry out the prosecution. Under the Indian Civil Rights Act, Indian tribes can only sentence defendants to maximums of one year in prison and \$5,000 in fines. Federal laws, however, has no such restrictions, which explains

why Billy Jo Lara did not dare contest the validity of his tribal prosecution.

Lara also represents a ringing success for the Tribal Supreme Court Project, a joint project of the NCAI and NARF that seeks to advocate for Indian interests at the Supreme Court level. Participants in the project played an instrumental role in the Lara case by filing two important amicus briefs. The court cited both briefs: Justice Stephen Breyer cited NAEF’s brief in the majority opinion, and Justice Clarence Thomas cited the NCAI brief in his concurrence.

“One of the primary focuses of the Tribal Supreme Court Project is to coordinate tribal resources to be as effective as possible in making sure our briefs get read,” Guest says. “With numerous amicus briefs, we’re not going to get our message across. We can coordinate all of the many resources and utilize them in such a way that everyone gets heard and there’s consistency in the message.

While Justice Thomas may have cited NCAI’s brief in his concurrence, he did so while advocating for a complete reanalysis of federal Indian law. Although Justice Thomas may have cited NCAI’s brief in his concurrence, he did so while advocating for a complete reanalyses of federal Indian law. Although Thomas may have cited NCAI’s brief in his concurrence, he did so while advocating for a complete reanalyses of federal Indian law, he and the eight other Supreme Court justices will eventually confront a case in which a nonmember Indian claims tribal prosecution violates the equal protection and due process guarantees of the Constitution. Such a case has the potential to un-fix the Duro fix.



# Words of the Elders

by Tim Thompson, Cultural Advisor

Pomvcolvke sehokof etempunahoyet okat, nakvtekat, etem mvrakket ayvhes makakvetos, Mvmakavte mucvnettv mvn hecet svpakletos. Naken okakvute, kowentvkerricvketos. Nvk hvmken hecvkat punvkvt ponsumker vyeptos. Vcolvke tokakat, punvkat sumket onowat momosen Este Cate seko hakettos, wacenvt makvhes.



Hiyomen hopetake eckvike toweyat Cuko Rvkko, Mekusvpkv Cuko, momen pon liketv tis estvmin fulleyis hopetaketat Mvsko ke esempunayet owakvhes.

Translation:

Through the years our elders have talked about many things. One thing that they have talked about is the expectation for everything to change. Today we see this.

What did the elders mean when they talked about changes? When we look around today we see our languages slowly vanishing. The elders said when our languages disappear the U.S. Government is going to say, "There are no longer any Native Americans."

So when you're at Church, at your Ceremonial Grounds, or even at home, use our languages so that our children will be able to carry them on.

# TOTKV MOCVSE - New Fire: Creek FolkTales by Earnest Gouge

NORMAN — In May of 2004, the University of Oklahoma Press published a book and DVD containing 29 Creek (Muskogee) stories by Earnest Gouge, born in Indian Territory around 1865. The book contains side-by-side Creek and English versions of the stories.

The DVD is being sold separately and contains recordings of Margaret Mauldin reading the stories in Creek, with subtitles in English. Proceeds from these titles will go to Felix Gouge on behalf of the Gouge family.


Totkv mocvse (new fire) is a term used for the ceremonial fire marking the rebirth of a tribal town. We hope this work will rekindle interest and pride in the Creek language and in Earnest Gouge and other keepers of Creek traditions.

Earnest Gouge died at about the age of ninety, after his younger brother Jack. He was hit by a car while riding a horse, finally succumbing to his injuries on September 4, 1955. To the best of our knowledge, these are the only writings he left, though he also dictated three Creek texts about ball-games and his tribal town for Mary R. Haas (Haas 1939). He is buried facing his ceremonial ground.

A website, [www.wm.edu/linguistics/creek/gouge/index.html](http://www.wm.edu/linguistics/creek/gouge/index.html), is designed to provide additional materials relating to the stories, including images of the original documents, typescripts of these, and interlinear versions of the stories with information for students of the language.

## CREEK FOLKTALES BY EARNEST GOUGE

AS READ BY MARGARET MCKANE MAULDIN



A DVD designed to accompany the book  
*Totkv Mocvse/New Fire: Creek Folktales* by Earnest Gouge  
Edited and translated by Jack B. Martin, Margaret McKane Mauldin,  
and Juanita McGirt · Foreword by Craig Womack

# Comparing Native American dance: stompdance and powwow

by Joshua Slane

When a person thinks of Native American Dancing they generally think one of two things, either Stomp Dancing or Powwows. But not many people really know the difference between the two.



A powwow is a type of social gathering. In a powwow the dancers dance clockwise, often times in brightly colored clothing. And while many Creek

citizens dance powwow it is not part of the tradition culture among the Creek Tribe. Instead it is a tradition among the plains and northern tribes, among which are the Shawnee, Miami, Yuchi, and Seminole.

Stomp Dancing, however, is a tradition within the Muscogee and Cherokee Tribe, though the Muscogee have the largest number of grounds. In a Stomp Dance, the dancers sometimes dress up, as is seen in a dance like the Ribbon Dance held the Friday before the Green Corn Festival, but many times do not. Also, the dancers dance counterclockwise, in a symbolic representation of how meaningless time truly is. Also, medicine is often taken at a Stomp Dance.

Stomp Dance is also more rules regulated, alcohol is disallowed as it is a sacred event. People are encouraged to keep themselves pure and have a clean mind during the time they are preparing for the Stomp Dance. While still photography is generally accepted, few stomp grounds will allow their dances to be recorded in a video format.

But despite the differences between the two there is a good degree of common ground. Spectators, as long as they behave in an honorable fashion are welcome at both gatherings. Both types of dance celebrate the Native American heritage. So whether you Stomp Dance or Powwow, or even if you just watch, always remember your culture, your heritage, and your people.







Alabama Indian Baptist Church Route 1 Weleetka, OK 74880	Deepfork Hillabee Baptist Church P.O. Box 264 Checotah, OK 74426	Little Quasarty Church P.O. Box 71 Wetumka, OK 74883	Tookparfka Church Route 2 Box 147 Wetumka, OK 74883
Arbeka Baptist Church Route. 2 Box 221-C 7101 Lob Lolly Rd. Weleetka, OK 74880	Grave Creek Church P.O. Box 32 Henryetta, OK 74437	Middle Creek Baptist Church P.O. Box 608 Holdenville, OK 74848	Tulmochusee Baptist Church 416 E. Wilson Holdenville, OK 74848
Belvin Baptist Church 310 N. Mission Okmulgee, OK 74447	Greenleaf Baptist Church P.O. Box 98 Castle, OK 74883	Middle Creek Baptist Church Route 1 Lamar, OK 74850	Tuskegee Church HC 63 Box 69 Eufaula, OK 74432
Bemo Indian Baptist Church 13315 S. 73rd E. Tulsa, OK 74008	Hickory Ground #1 Church Route 2 Box 425 Henryetta, OK 74437	Montesoma Baptist Church P.O. Box 292 Okemah, OK 74859	Big Cussetah Methodist Church P.O. Box 282 Morris, OK 74445
Big Arbor Indian Baptist HC 62 Box 137 Eufaula, OK 74432	Hickory Ground #2 Church Route 2 Box 79 Henryetta, OK 74437	Morningstar Evangelistic Church Route 2 Box 608 Holdenville, OK 74848	Creek Chapel Methodist Church Route 3 Box 18-B Okemah, OK 74859
Big Cussetah Methodist Church P.O. Box 282 Morris, OK 74445	High Springs Baptist Church Route 1 Box 49 Okemah, OK 74859	New Arbor Baptist Church P.O. Box 862 Eufaula, OK 74432	Davis Chapel Church P.O. Box 282 Coweta, OK 74429
Bird Creek Baptist Church Route 1 Weleetka, OK 74880	Hillabee Baptist Church 113 N. Newhaven Tulsa, OK 74115	New Harbor Baptist Church 836 Osage Eufaula, OK 74432	Haikey Chapel Methodist Church P.O. Box 840 Jenks, OK 74037
Broken Arrow Baptist Church 204 W. Urbana Broken Arrow, OK 74012	Hutche Chuppa Baptist Church Route 1 Box 76 Weleetka, OK 74880	Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church Route 3 Box 53 Okemah, OK 74859	Honey Creek Methodist Church P.O. Box 1291 Okmulgee, OK 74447
Buckeye Creek Baptist Church Route 2 Box 221-C Okemah, OK 74859	Indian Fellowship Baptist Church P.O. Box 758 Oakhurst, OK 74050	Okfuskee Church P.O. Box 583 Eufaula, OK 74432	Muttletlokee Methodist Church 1403 S. Poplar Bristow, OK 74010
Butler Creek Church 2703 Esteell Muskogee, OK 74401	Liberty Faith Church P.O. Box 931 Glenpool, OK 74033	Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church Box 651 Okmulgee, OK 74447	New Town United Methodist Church Route 1 Okmulgee, OK 74447
Cedar River Baptist Church 524 E. Poplar Holdenville, OK 74848	Little Coweta Church General Delivery Stidham, OK 74461	Ryal Community Baptist Church Route 2 Box 397-B Henryetta, OK 74437	Pecan Grove Methodist Church 100 S. Burgess Holdenville, OK 74848
Community Baptist Church P.O. Box 225 Sapulpa, OK 74066	Little Cussetah Church P.O. Box 1432 Sapulpa, OK 74066	Salt Creek Baptist Church P.O. Box 185 Wetumka, OK 74883	Springfield Methodist Church c/o Ethel Humble P.O. Box 445 Okemah, OK 74859
Community Baptist Church 420 E. 7th St. Bristow, OK 74010	Little Cussetah Church Route 3 Box 1555 Okmulgee, OK 74447	Sand Creek Baptist Church P.O. Box 27 Wetumka, OK 74883	Springtown United Methodist Church P.O. Box 441 Coweta, OK 74429
		Silver Springs Baptist Church P.O. Box 490 Dewar, OK 74431	Tekpuchee Independent Methodist Church 318 S. Creek Holdenville, OK 74848
		Snake Creek Baptist Church Route 1 Box 305-A Mounds, OK 74047	Thewarly Methodist Church Route 1 Box 30-A Dustin, OK 74389
		Snake Creek #1 Baptist Church P.O. Box 432 Coweta, OK 74429	Thlophlocco Methodist Church P.O. Box 185 Wetumka, OK 74883
		Thewahle Indian Baptist Church 1633 N. Birmingham Pl. Tulsa, OK 74110	Tookparfka Methodist Church Star Route Box 15 Calvin, OK 74531

# Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — The following consists of actions of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted at the May 11, extraordinary session.

## May 11, extraordinary session

Absent were: **George Tiger**, Creek District; **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Thomas McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Keeper Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **Rita Williams**, Okmulgee District; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District; **Cherrah Quiett**, Tulsa District; and **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa District;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

- approved (18-0-0) TR 04-058, authorizing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming operations authority board to exercise jurisdiction over the Eufaula Indian Gaming Center;
- approved (16-2-0) TR 04-059, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a promissory note to borrow money from the Nevada Gold Tulsa, Inc. To allow the development committee to expend funds until such time as the financing is obtained to create the project fund for the development of the Mackey project;

voting no were: **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (18-0-0) NCA 04-097, amending MCNCA Title 21, §3-121, regarding law enforcement agency designated for fingerprints of gaming license;

- approved (18-0-0) NCA 04-100, authorizing an appropriation to fund the costs associated with the quarterly Intertribal council meeting of the five civilized tribes.

## May 22, Regular session

Absent were: **Parish**, Muskogee District; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; and **Quiett**, Tulsa;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

- approved as amended (22-0-0) TR 04-023, approving the post graduate program guidelines of the division of Human Development of Higher Education program;

- approved as amended (22-0-0) NCA 04-055, recognizes and honors the remaining original allottees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

representative **Parish**, Muskogee District arrived before voting;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 04-56, confirming the nomination of **Michael Flud** as Deputy Director of the Division of Human Development;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 04-057, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an agreement with Lamar Outdoor for the leasing of a Highway Billboard on tribal trust land to benefit the Tulsa Creek Indian Commu-

nity;

- approved as amended (22-1-0) TR 04-063, authorizing the Tribal Trade and Commerce Board to execute an agreement with B & B Fireworks, Morris, Oklahoma, to set up Fireworks stands at the Okmulgee and Muskogee Travel Plazas;

voting no were: **Fields**, Tukvptce;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 04-064, authorizing the gaming operations authority board to expend funds and approve a construction contract with the Muscogee Na-

tion Business Enterprise for the construction and expansion of a new parking lot that will be located directly south of the Creek Nation Tulsa Casino;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 04-065, authorizing the Principal Chief to

enter a construction loan agreement with Bank One, NA to fund the construction of a healthcare clinic located in Wagoner County;

- approved as amended (17-6-0) NCA 04-057, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the National Council for the purchase of twenty four cellular telephones for the members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council;

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Fields**, Tukvptce; and **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

representative **Cleghorn** was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved (22-0-0) NCA 04-070, approving the FY 2004 Indian Housing Plan;

representative **Cleghorn** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- return to committee (19-3-0) NCA 04-089, amending title 36, §3-102, entitled "Definitions" and § 3-104, B., Entitled "original, transfer and duplicate titles"

voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; and **Wind**, Okfuskee;

- approved (14-9-0) NCA 04-090, authorizing a special appropriation to the **Will Sampson** memorial golf classic sponsored by the American Indian Film Institute, July 17, 2004;

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Harjo**, Creek; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Ade**, Tukvptce; **Fields**, Tukvptce; and **Hufft**, Tulsa;

- approved (22-1-0) NCA 04-091, authorizing an appropriation to the cultural preservation office for a GPR and GPS equipment;

voting no were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;

- approved unanimously as amended (23-0-0) NCA 04-092, amending MCNCA title 22, § 5-103, entitled "benefit amounts"

- approved unanimously (23-0-0) NCA 04-093, amending MCNCA Title 22, §6-104, entitled "benefits"

- approved unanimously (23-0-0) NCA 04-094, authorizing a budget modification for environmental services, NAHASDA IHBG (Indian Housing Block Grant) funding fiscal year 2002 budget;

- approved (12-11-0) NCA 04-096, authorizing a special appropriation for a Muscogee (Creek) citizens who needs handicap accessibility in the home;

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Ade**, Tukvptce; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved unanimously (23-0-0) NCA 04-098, amending NCA 03-171 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the comprehensive annual budget for fiscal year 2004 and providing for appropriations) as amended by NCA 03-209, NCA 03-248 and NCA 04-018, for the purpose of creating new positions within the office of public gaming;

- approved (21-2-0) NCA 04-103, supplemental appropriation to the BIA burial assistance program;

voting no were: **Golden**, Okfuskee; and **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

representative **Chalakee** was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved unanimously (22-0-0) NCA 04-104, authorizing a special appropriation for the tribal complex beautification project for signage and landscaping services;

representatives **Chalakee** and **Golden** was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved unanimously (21-0-0) NCA 04-106, repealing NCA 04-086 and authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the emergency hardship program, social services department.

## June 10, Emergency session

Absent were: **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Sandra Parish**, Muskogee District; **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Shirlene Ada**, Tukvptce District; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District and **Cherrah Quiett**, Tulsa District.

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

- approved unanimously 22-0-0 TR 04-075, recognizing and honoring **Ada (Mukes) Wolfe** a remaining original allottee of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

- approved unanimously (22-0-0) TR 04-077, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a "standard form of agreement between owner and architect where the construction management services contract" for the preliminary design phases associated with the future construction of the healthcare clinic in Wagoner County;

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representative **Parish** arrived;

- approved (22-1-0) TR 04-078, approving wireless services agreements between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Cingular Wireless for cellular phones for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council representatives;
- voting no were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;
- approved (23-0-0) TR 04-079, 080, 081, 082, and 083, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an agreement with Jet Fireworks L.L.C. For the operations of one temporary Fireworks sales facility on tribal trust land.
- approved (22-1-0) NCA 04-112, amending NCA 04-057, a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a supplemental appropriations to the National Council for the purchase of twenty four (24) cellular telephones for the members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council).

voting no were: **Golden**, Okfuskee.

**July 15, Special session**

Absent were: **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Bible**, Tulsa; and **Hufft**, Tulsa

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

Council went into executive session, then adjourned.

**July 24, Emergency session**

Absent were: **Pickering**, McIntosh; **McIntosh**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptce; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; and **Kelley**, Tulsa;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

Council went into executive session, then adjourned.

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Update from the Muskogee District Seat A representative

I, Sandra Parish, the Muskogee District Seat A National Council Representative would like to pass some information to the citizens. I have been elected to serve our Creek Citizens and have been given a great responsibility in making decisions to better serve our Citizens.



As of this moment, there is and has been a problem that lies within our Division of Health. I introduced a bill several months ago to move the Division of Health back under the Tribe for accountability purposes. The bill was then assigned to the Community Services and Cultural Committee, which consist of six National Council members, where the bill failed in committee. The bill has never even had a chance to make it to the full council. Once again, another bill to place the Division of Health under the Tribe was introduced last month and it also failed in committee.

An audit was performed on the Division of Health, during this audit the auditors discovered that at the end of each fiscal year, carry over funds from some of the programs was being placed in the directors account. Some of these programs are federally funded. These carry over funds should have been returned back to the program in which the carry over was attained. All these years our people have been told they cannot be served due to lack of funding. The auditors report showed that there were more than \$12 million sitting in this account drawing interest.

For this very reason, I feel that it's imperative that we move the Division of Health's finances under the tribe for accountability purposes and to ensure that our people are receiving the service they need. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to contact your district representative and let them know your concerns regarding this issue. I will soon introduce a new bill addressing this issue once more, so I would like to encourage you to attend the Community Services and Cultural Committee meeting when this bill comes out again.

The next regular committee meeting has been scheduled for August 17 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all who would like to attend.

Division of Health

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health is looking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

- Pediatric Dentist - Okmulgee Health Center
- Chief Financial Officer
- Roving Cook ENP
- Public Health Nurse - Okmulgee
- Facility Technician - Sapulpa
- RN Supervisor - Sapulpa
- Public Health Nurse - Sapulpa
- Facility Technician - Sapulpa
- Billing Technician - Sapulpa (2 positions)
- LPN - Okmulgee (Temporary)
- Health System Administrator - Okmulgee
- Medical Technologist - Okmulgee
- Medical Records Clerk - Okmulgee
- Receptionist - Lackey Hall
- EMT Basic - Okemah
- Head Cook - Muskogee
- Services Research Assistant -BHS
- Facility Technician - Okmulgee

The Human Resources Department staff follows well-defined policies and procedures regarding the staffing process. Each position has a closing date that must be adhered to *without exception*. Some positions are more difficult to staff than others and are recruited as “Open Until Filled”. The Personnel Department must receive applications for a minimum of 5 days before the first panel of qualified applicants is provided to the hiring official. Applications will be received until the position is staffed in these circumstances. The Division applies Tribal and Indian Preference in all hiring and employment decisions in accordance with Tribal Ordinance as established by National Council Act 81-40. To receive preference an applicant must submit verification in the form of a CDIB (Certified Degree of Indian Blood) Card or Citizenship Card. For more information call (918)756-4333 or (800)782-8291.

Trade and Commerce

Trade and Commerce is accepting applications for qualified individuals for the following positions:

- Travel Plaza - Okmulgee
- Travel Plaza - Muskogee
- Muscogee Document Imaging
- Farm Authority

For more information on employment opportunities at Trade and Commerce please contact: Muscogee Creek Nation Trade and Commerce Authority, P.O. Box 117 1010, East Eufaula, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 or contact Alexis Crosley at (918) 732-7764. These jobs have an Indian Preference.

Office of Public Gaming

The Muscogee Nation Office of Public Gaming is accepting applications for qualified individuals for the following positions:

Gaming Commissioner  
DUTIES: to conduct all tasks necessary to insure the integrity of all Muscogee (Creek) Nation gaming operations. Shall respond to inquiries from licensees, tribal officials, tribal members, and the public. Shall review financial information and operations. Shall make decisions on customer complaints. Shall issue all appropriate licenses in a timely manner and deny any ineligible applicants. Shall review and make judgements on adequacy of licensee compliance. Shall impose penalty or remedial action for noncomplying licensees. Shall monitor and review licensed gaming facilities for compliance with ordinance, utilizing appropriate staff. Shall prepare budgets and consult with National Council, perform performance reviews, create schedule perform numerous tasks in overseeing all Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s gaming operations. Shall perform any and all other duties as assigned.

PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS: a bachelors degree with business management experience with an understanding of business and regulatory concepts. Minimum requirements include a bachelors degree in business with 2 years experience. Must possess a valid drivers license. Must submit to and pass all necessary back ground checks. Indian Preference.  
Send applications to: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Personnel Services; P.O. Box 580; Okmulgee, OK 74447; fax, 918-756-2284; or e-mail them to [jillsmith@muscogeenation-nsn.gov](mailto:jillsmith@muscogeenation-nsn.gov).  
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation employment application is also available in PDF format on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation website at [www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov](http://www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov).

Muscogee Nation Tribal Construction

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Construction is accepting applications for qualified individuals for the following positions:

Construction Engineer  
DUTIES: coordinating projects with architects and contractors to specify technical studies, product design, preparation to specifications, product plans and product testing in accordance with engineering principles, company standards, and contract specifications. Shall coordinate activities concerned with technical developments scheduling, and resolve engineering design and test problems. Shall evaluate and approve design changes, specifications, and drawing releases. Shall control expenditures with limitations of budget. Shall prepare written reports pertaining to the status of the projects, costs, materials, and other status as required. Shall perform any and all other duties as assigned.  
REQUIREMENTS: Masters degree in civil engineering is preferred. Minimum requirements include a bachelors degree with knowledge of architectural and engineering functions for the purpose of planning, organizing, direction, and controlling the procedures and standards necessary to accomplish the mission of development and maintaining a safe and structural sound working environment. Must submit to and pass all necessary background and drug testing. Must possess a valid drives license. Indian Preference  
Send applications to: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Personnel Services; P.O. Box 580; Okmulgee, OK 74447; fax, 918-756-2284; or e-mail them to [jillsmith@muscogeenation-nsn.gov](mailto:jillsmith@muscogeenation-nsn.gov).  
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation employment application is also available in PDF format on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation website at [www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov](http://www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov).

Bureau of Indian Affairs

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is accepting applications for qualified individuals for the following positions:  
Realty Specialist - Muskogee

To apply, send your applications to: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Plains Human Resources, (Fedex: 1 Mile North on Highway 281), P. O. Box 368, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005. For more information please call 405-247-1661.  
This job is Indian Preference.  
JOB ADVERTISEMENTS: The MNN is accepting job advertisements to run in the newspaper. If you or your company would like to advertise any openings, please contact call 732-7637 for information on rates or to place your ad.



# Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise to contract with BWXT Pantex and Department of Energy

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise (MNBE) held a meeting with representatives of the BWXT Pantex Company regarding a near future contract.

In attendance of this meeting were: Principal Chief A.D. Ellis; Second Chief Alfred Berryhill; Pantex representatives, James Raucci, Contract Specialist, Dickie Haney Manager, and Anson Cagle; and the staff of the Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise, Michael Nalley, Director, Woody Anderson, Construction Services Division Manager, B.J. Wagoner, Fire and Security Project Manager, John Pritchard, Fire and Security Division Manager and Steve Bighorse, Construction Service Division Project Manager.

BWXT Pantex is the only company within the United States that assembles and disassembles nuclear devices. The Pantex plant is owned by the Department of Energy and is located in Amarillo, Texas. Facilities for MNBE will locate a project office at the facility.

MNBE's immediate goals are to develop safety plans, activity plans and begin the first stages of the proposal for this contract. BWXT Pantex will facilitate and manage a 10 year, \$750 million infrastructure program at the complex site.

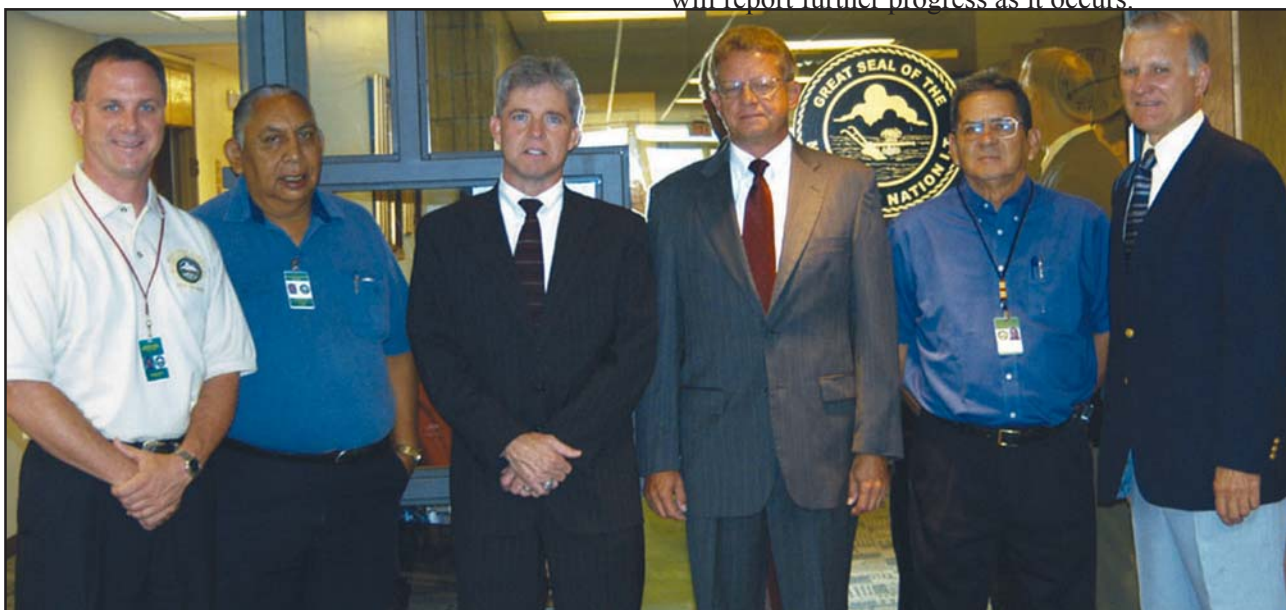
During the meeting, Michael Nalley explained in detail their 8(a) certified program. Anson Cagle explained the challenges and impacts to MNBE staff, along with procedures and requirements that this con-

tract will demand. Pantex representatives complemented MNBE for their outstanding responsiveness and performance in early negotiations. "We were very impressed with MNBE responsiveness and performance," stated Dickie Haney, Construction and Design Contracts Manager for Pantex. "The fact that MNBE traveled to Amarillo to visit the Pantex Company was very impressive as well."

Further discussions, led by Woody Anderson, dealt

with procedures and the process of general activity on site at the Pantex plant.

According to Nalley, Pantex representatives were very helpful in clarifying all procedures and expressing the safety precautions and training they will take with all construction workers and Pantex staff. Cagle went into detail regarding safety topics and the fact that Pantex promotes safety and security at the highest measures. Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise will report further progress as it occurs.



Left To Right: MNBE Director Michael Nalley, MCN Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, BWXT Pantex Manager Dickie Haney, Bwxt Pantex Contract Specialist James Raucci, MCN Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, and BWXT Pantex Representative Anson Cagle.

## Tulsa Creek Casino inherit bingo fan populace

*The Cherokee Nation has decided to end the game at its casinos, giving the Creek Nation the only facilities in the area.*

By S.E. Ruckman/World Staff Writer

TULSA — The Cherokee Nation has discontinued traditional bingo play in Catoosa, leaving the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with the only Indian-run bingo game in the Tulsa area.

Now some players who desire a traditional bingo game in lieu of an electronic gaming device are driving the extra 20 or so miles to play. Gary Stopp, general manager for the Creek Nation Casino at 81st Street and Riverside Drive, said that while his facility did not intend to be the only bingo hall in town, he is certainly pleased with the development.

"We've hired on 90 people in the last 90 days," Stopp said. "We are experiencing strong growth." The Cherokee Nation closed its bingo operations in Catoosa after July 4 and has also discontinued bingo play at its Siloam Springs, Ark., site.

Cherokee officials decided to eliminate the bingo games as a management decision, said Dave Stewart, chief executive officer of Cherokee Nation Enterprises. "It was partly an eco-

nomical decision," he said. "We're also trying to give the players a better entertainment experience with the new casino" in Catoosa. The Cherokee Nation's bingo hall was the first gaming facility brought to Catoosa by the tribe more than 15 years ago.

Stewart said the construction of the tribe's multimillion dollar casino was another consideration in deciding to halt the bingo games. The Catoosa casino is scheduled for a grand opening in December.

Creek Nation officials said the tribe's bingo operations are not going anywhere soon. The tribe recently voted to keep bingo operations, started 20 years ago, because of its social value, rather than its economic impact. "We see it as a social decision," said Stopp. We average about 400 people daily. We have some customers who have been coming in everyday for the past 17 years."

The Creeks are concentrating on a \$6 million expansion of the tribe's Riverside Drive site and have plans for a multimillion dollar resort on the same site within three years, tribal officials said.

## Trade and Commerce Authority set department goals

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Trade and Commerce Authority have set department goals to have all the boundary fences in place; stop free grazing on tribal land and to utilize the Nation's land to the fullest extent. Trade and Commerce are also looking into the development of a pond for the use of irrigation and livestock.

The Trade and Commerce Authority reviews the possibility of diverse business ventures for the Tribe, as well as the possible aspect of employment within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation jurisdiction for the business ventures.

Companies currently under the Trade & Commerce umbrella include the following: Okmulgee Travel Plaza; Muskogee Travel Plaza; Cromwell Travel Plaza; Muscogee Document Imaging Company; Farm Authority; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bottled Water; and Kudos.

# Spotlight

"The FCC is very active in Indian Country. Telecommunications is the modern day horse of Indian Country."

## Creek man works with the FCC

by Gerald Wofford

The FCC officially stands for Federal Communication Commission, but it could very well stand for a Federal Creek Communicating. This specific Creek would be none other than Geoffrey Blackwell.

Blackwell has been with the FCC since January of 2000. His official title is Senior Attorney and FCC Liaison to Tribal Governments. In September of 2000, Blackwell was officially named the FCC liaison to Tribal Governments at the FCC's first National Telecom training conference for tribes. He has been working directly with Tribes on telecom issues every day since then. "Serving Indian Country in this capacity is a great honor," says Blackwell. "I serve as the senior attorney advisor on tribal matters and work with state, local, and tribal governments."

His resume does read impressively. Some of the places he has served at were the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Smithsonian Institution, and the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Blackwell feels the FCC is doing what it is supposed to do for Native Americans. "The FCC is very active in Indian Country," says Blackwell. "Telecommunications is the modern day horse of Indian Country. It is a utility upon which the delivery of so much to our communities is predicated. It has the potential to bring us so many beneficial things; information, entertainment, education, health, jobs, public safety, government services and a greater economic opportunity for the lands in which we live."

According to Blackwell, the FCC holds training seminars on telecom issues, meets with individual tribes on their individual telecom concerns and matters, attends and participates in tribal conferences, and prepares and distributes informational materials to tribes. The FCC is strengthening its trust relationships with tribes and learning a great deal in the process.

Blackwell interprets his role as being similar. Although he provides a lot of information to Indian tribes interested in the field of telecommunications on a worldwide scale, he also sees his responsibility to educate the commissioners and bureaus on how to deal wisely with Native Americans.

"I'm responsible for various FCC Indian Telecommunications Initiative outreach efforts to tribes, tribal representatives, and tribal consumers in regards to telecommunications good and services and on all aspects of the FCC," says Blackwell. "I'm also responsible for various in-reach coordination with other FCC Bureaus and offices to educate commission staff about tribal governments and cultures, sovereignty rights, federal Indian law and tribal communications needs."

Blackwell knows that Native American tribes are making great strides

in the field of communications and realizes it was just a matter of logical progression, especially on an individual basis. "When I came to the commission, the 1990 census demonstrated that the average rate of tribal homes on reservations that had telephone service in them was a little under 47 percent" he said. "This compared to about 95 percent of homes nationwide that had telephone service. Based on the 2000 census, this percentage, also referred

to as telephone penetration rate, has risen. Tribal homes on reservations now have a telephone penetration rate of just under 68 percent. It's a very good increase and a great indication of things to come, but there is still much work to do."

According to Blackwell, Native American culture has always provided for the highly adaptive resourcefulness of tribes to flourish. Tribes have succeeded despite wars, removal, assimilation and other challenges to our society and heritage. Presently, tribes throughout the Nation are at various stages of implementing unique telecom applications for their particular needs.

Because of his contribution, the FCC was awarded, by the National Congress of American Indians, the 2004 Leadership Awards for demonstrating exemplary commitment to the honorable exercise of the government to government relationship through meaningful outreach and consultation with Indian Tribes.

Blackwell respects the field that he's in and leans heavily upon his Muscogee (Creek) roots to guide him through professional matters. "I hold to the tribal values with which I was raised," he said. "The importance of our tribal culture and identity, sovereignty and self-determination, and the fundamental goal to work for the betterment of Indian country, tribal communities and individual Indian leads me. In terms of professions, my family is made up of warriors, educators and

diplomats. Sometimes I see my job as a bit of each."

His family is deeply rooted in Oklahoma. They are from the Tukabatchee Town. The patriarch of the family was Colonel William Robison who fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. His daughter was Lucy Robison Brown Scott, whose daughter was his great, great, grandmother, Malinda Brown Benham. "Our family still owns her allotment near Carson," he said. "Our entire family is proud of my Aunt Lucy, Bill Benham's sister, who is 99 years old and is one of our Original Allottees."

Blackwell and his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Hawkins, make their home in Rockville, Maryland.

"Two years ago we had our daughter, Megan Elizabeth," says Blackwell. "The three of us now make our home in Rockville, Maryland, where it is almost as humid as Hughes County."



Muscogee (Creek) Citizen Geoffrey Blackwell



## Shop talk with Gerald

Congratulations to Riverside Indian High School Basketball team. The multi-tribe Native American School from Anadarko, captured first place in the Native American Basketball Invitational Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona on July 24. The tournament, which is in its third year, has the sponsorship of Nike and the Phoenix Suns of the NBA.

The tournament was held at the American West Arena, featuring some of the best Indian high school basketball teams in the Nation, 24 teams to be exact. Teams from places such as Sikiska Alberta, Canada and Bishop, California, South Dakota and New Mexico were among some of the visiting states. However, most teams were from the Arizona area.

Riverside and Cheyenne-Arapaho were the only boys team from Oklahoma to compete. The only girls team from Oklahoma was a Cheyenne-Arapaho team from Concho.

The MNN wants to give special recognition to outstanding Creek athletes, especially at the high school level. Beginning next month, the MNN will announce the Male and Female Creek Athlete of the Month. Winners will be given a custom-made poster of themselves in action, along with a T-shirt and an interview on the Creek Nation Radio Program. Winners will be selected by a letters of recommendation from family, friends, or coaches. Staff reporters will attend their games to do a story and capture photographs. Mail recommendations to: Creek Nation Communications/Athlete, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Well, you can already see the pigskin flying in the air. Ladies you may begin to see your man acting more funny than he usually he does. Like any red-blooded American male, he senses the oncoming football season just ahead! Thank God for the fall!

Concerning the fan frenzy with the college game, it looks like Labor Day weekend, September 4-6 will be the official kickoff with most Division I-A schools on the playing field. It all culminates on Monday night, September 6, with the Florida State Seminoles visiting the Miami Hurricanes.

The buzz locally will be the Oklahoma Sooners. Can they rebound from a disappointing finish from last season? Bob Stoops, Head Coach at Oklahoma, is answering every question thrown at him the right way, not making any excuses about last year. But you can tell that fire is in his eyes and he can't wait to get his team on the field.

Many publications have been hitting the newsstands since July announcing their preseason picks and favorites to win the coveted National Championship. One of this writer's favorite sports magazine to read right now is, *Athlon Sports*, which ranks all 117 division I-A college teams. In case you missed it, here are the top five rankings; 1. USC, 2. Oklahoma, 3. Georgia, 4. Miami, and 5. West Virginia.

## Creek runner nearly makes Olympic team

OKLAHOMA CITY — Bryan Berryhill is like any talented amateur athlete dreaming of making the U.S. Olympic team and representing his country. This year's version of the historic summer sporting event will be held in Athens, Greece.

For most amateur athletes, this is the Super Bowl and NBA finals rolled into one. This is what they strive and hope for. Many will not go on to a lucrative professional contract offer, but back to a less spotlighted life.

Berryhill attended Crater High School in Central Point, Oregon where he specialized in the 1,500 meter run. Berryhill excelled in this and other events garnering a five-time prep all-state champion status.

After high school, Berryhill attended Colorado State University enjoying a stellar career as well. He was the 2001 NCAA outdoor champion in the 1,500 meters and finished runner-up in 2002 and 2003 in the same event.

Berryhill has been running since an early age and the hopes of making the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track and Field team was certainly a legitimate hope.

He entered the U.S. Olympic Track and field trials in Sacramento, California as a third seed nationally. The trials were held July 16 through the 19. The trials, which is actually the qualifying tournament for all potential track and field athletes, take the top three athletes in each event.

The trials actually started rather well for Berryhill. On Thursday evening in the opening heat, Berryhill easily advanced to the semifinal round by finishing third. Berryhill was clocked at 3 minutes and 47.17 seconds. Just .06 of a second behind event favorite, Alan Webb.

Brian Bedard, Berryhill's track coach at Colorado State, was pleased with the beginning performance. "I thought Bryan ran like Bryan Berryhill, out in front," said Bedard. "Not only did he advance, he didn't expend too much energy, which should help him."

Friday would be the semifinal heat. If Berryhill could finish in the top six in this heat, he would be on to the finals and one step closer to an Olympic spot. Berryhill had already ran against most of the opponents in college. He was certainly familiar with their pacing and running habits.

The semifinals started out just fine for Berryhill. He was running well through a pack clinging closely together.

The first lap, second lap, and third lap went great for Berryhill. In the final lap, the pack came closer together and Berryhill's feet become tangled with another competing runner. He stumbled and nearly fell to the ground. He never recovered and finished 11th in the 12-man heat. "It was really disappointing," CSU assistant Brian Bedard said. "He had a large contingent of people here supporting him."



## Okmulgee standout signs with Haskell Indians

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Citizen Dante Lewis is seeing some of his dreams come true.

Lewis recently signed a letter of intent to play Basketball at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

Lewis, a graduating senior from Okmulgee High School, sees this as a unique challenge. "I'm real excited about this," said Lewis, "I'm very eager to play right now."

Lewis was a key factor in helping his high school team reach the state semifinals.

He led the Bulldogs in scoring with 14.3 points a game. He connected on 84 of 222 field goals, 47 of 144 3-pointers, and 107 of 146

free throws. In other important facets of the game, Lewis was instrumental in grabbing 108 rebounds, dishing out 72 assists and recording 53 steals on the defensive end.

"I've watched a lot of film on him," said Haskell Head Coach Jamie Morrison, "he's athletic and quick and has good hands."

Morrison hopes to rebound from a disappointing season of a year ago. The Indians finished with a dismal seven wins and 20 losses.

Fans will get a chance to see Lewis in action locally. Haskell plans to play in Oklahoma City, Muskogee, and at Bartlesville. The official schedule will be announced.



Pictured at signing are: (front row, l to r) Dante Lewis, Haskell Coach Jamie Morrison and Okmulgee Coach Gene Walters; (back row) Tammy and Sidney Lewis



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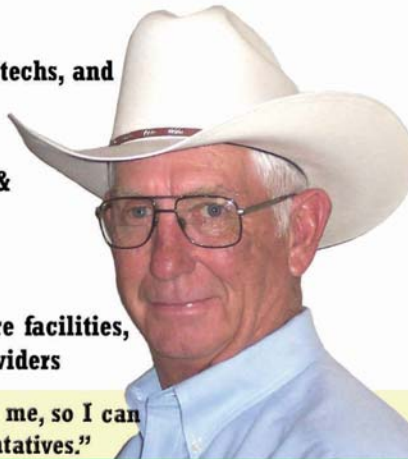
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## APRIL HOLAHTA

OKEMAH — April Lynn Holahta was born on April 30, 1983 in Okemah and died on June 28 in Tulsa.

Preceding her in death were: Woodrow Fixico, Eugene and Cindy Holahta.

Survivors include: son, Johnas Cameron Holahta of the home; mother, Eugenia Holahta; father, George Fixico of the home; sisters, Keri Waldon, Kim Switch of Shawnee, Sheri Tiger and Elizabeth Buckley, both of Okemah; brothers, Thomas Fixico of Okmulgee, Charlie and Timothy Buckley, both of Shawnee; grandmother, Jeannie Fixico of Clearview; dad, Vincent Buckley of Shawnee; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and many special friends.

Pallbearers were: Nocus Holahta; Mitchell and Morris Harjo; Russell Locust; Jerome Holahta and Tafv Berryhill.

## CLYDE HODGE JR.

NAPA, California — Clyde Earl McKinley Hodge Jr. passed away July 16 at his home. He was born August 10, 1932 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Hodge was retired from the Machinist Union, Automotive Industry, after fifty years. Coming to California in 1939, with his family because Phillips was elected governor of Oklahoma, the family escaped Weedpatch migrant work camp.

He soon met his wife of 55 years in Oroville, California, and married her at sixteen.

Clyde graduated high school at Eureka High School in Eureka, California in 1949. In the early Fifties, he and his family lived in the San Francisco East Bay Area until he and his wife moved to Napa.

Hard worker that he was, he usually had at least one second job such as real estate. Hodge received his pilot's license while in his forties and flew whenever he could.

He was a lifelong hunter, fisherman and car enthusiast. Clyde enjoyed public service for the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts, and at passing was a member of California Indian Education Association, Central Valley Chapter.

Survivors include: his wife, Dolores Hodge of Napa, California; son, Clyde Leslie Hodge of Delhi, California; daughter, Lorraine Gail of Tigard, Oregon; four grandchildren; siblings, Betty Ralston of San Leandro, California, Carl Hodge of Stroud, Oklahoma, Mary Hodge of Lakeport, California, Jesse Hodge of Idaho and Darlene Fultz of Thermalito, California; and nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial contributions can be sent to: California Indian Education Association, P.O. Box 1128, Santa Maria, California, 93456-1128.



Hodge

## GORDON WILLIAMSON

HANNA — Funeral services for Gordon Gerome "Chip" Williamson were held May 13 at Trenton Baptist Church with Revs. Malcolm Tiger and Nelson Harjo officiating.

He was born December 29, 1970 to Richard and Wanda (Lowe) Williamson.

Chip grew up in Hanna and was a floor clerk at Creek Nation Okmulgee Casino for 9 years, where he had received Employee of the Year Award in 2003.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Mandy and Tommy Lowe and an uncle, Eddie Lowe.

Survivors include: his parents; wife, Shelley Jacobs of the home; two sons, Zachary and Brandon Williamson, both of the home; daughter, Megan Williamson; two brothers, Curtis, of Hanna and LuLu Williamson, of the home; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Ray and Pahose Harjo; Kelly Lowe; Brian Wacoche; Mekko Riley; Rodney Jones; Mitch Jack; David Leslie Billy; B.J. Jacobs; Archey Smith; and Darrell Proctor.

Interment was at the Proctor Family Cemetery.

## Gospel Singing

### Tallahassee Church Gospel Singing

OKMULGEE — A gospel singing will be held Saturday, August 21 at Tallahassee Indian Church. The singing will begin at 7 p.m. Emcee will be Johnson "Corney" Buck.

The church is located at 11240 Celia Berryhill Road or one and three fourths mile west of Highway 75.

Concession will be available. Bring your own lawn chairs.

The singing is being held to raise money for a new church building and donations are tax deductible.

### Butler Creek Gospel Singing

OKTAHA — Butler Creek Baptist Church is hosting a gospel singing August 28 beginning at 6 p.m.

All singers and listeners welcome. Concession available.

For more information contact 918-682-7903 or 918-682-9645.

The church is located from Highway 69, Wainwright exit, east to stop sign, Oktaha Road, turn right, go quarter mile, turn left at church sign, cross railroad tracks, go 2 miles east the church is on right side or Highway 69, Oktaha exit, go north, Oktaha Road, 2 miles, turn at church sign, cross railroad tracks, go 2 miles east the church is on right side.

### 2nd Annual Spook Wesley Memorial Singing

TULSA — Bemo Baptist Church will be hosting the 2nd Annual Spook Wesley Memorial Singing on October 2nd. The singing begins at 7 p.m.

The church is located 2 miles north of Bixby, 1/2 mile west on 131st, then 1/4 mile south.

## Legal

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 2004  
/s/ Dyan Bramwell, Notary Public

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Case No. CV 2004-12

In the District court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District: Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Plaintiff vs. Terro Winn, Defendant

### DEFERRED JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE

Now on this 27th day of May, 2004 the same being a judicial day of said Court, and the time appointed for judgment and sentence in the above entitled cause, the defendant, **TERRO WINN**, appears pro se and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation being represented by Assistant Prosecutor Shannon L. Prescott;

The Defendant having been legally charged by Criminal Complaint and Information filed in this case with a Criminal offense and having been dully arraigned thereon; the said defendant personally entered a plea of guilty to the crime of **COUNT ONE: Public Intoxication (MCNCA Title 14 § 2-707)** as charged in said Information.

The Court, without entering a finding of guilt **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** a deferred sentencing of **Nine (9) months** in the custody of the Lighthorse Police.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Defendant adhere to the Rules and Conditions of Probation, Incorporated now herein by this reference.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Defendant is to pay costs and fines associated with this matter and in accordance with the attached Exhibit A. Failure to make a payment as scheduled is a violation of the Rules and Conditions of Probation and grounds for the acceleration of this sentence.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in the event of a violation of the terms and conditions of the deferred sentence, that this order of deferred sentence be immediately accelerated and that judgment of guilt be entered on the defendant's plea of guilty, and that sentence be imposed as provided by law.

/s/ Patrick Moore, District Court Judge



# Primary Decision 2004 Choose or Lose



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The Tulsa Creek Indian Community held a free admission voter registration concert and rally titled, "Primary Decision 2004, Choose or Loose" at the Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center at 8611 South Union Street.

There were eight bands performing, including: Sam and the Stylees; The Engine Hearts; Nevla Nevi; Brian Parton; Brian Burns; Prairie Fire; and Ice Nine. There were vendors and a concession was provided by Hide Away Pizza and the T.C.I.C. Youth.

Many came out to register to vote in the National and Oklahoma elections. Creek Citizens were also able to register to vote in the Muscogee (Creek) elections. T.C.I.C.'s aim and intent was to get as many Native Americans registered to vote in upcoming elections. There are many issues and candidates that can affect Native Americans both directly and indirectly.

For more information on registering to vote in Muscogee (Creek) elections, contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board at (918) 732-7600. The board stresses the importance of keeping your address up to date.



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## Muscogee native continues family tradition of traditional flute music

MUSKOGEE — John "Yafke" Timothy is the director of Ataloa Lodge Museum at Bacone College. Born in Musko-gee, John was the youngest of three children. His father, John Timothy, Sr., bestowed his Indian name, "Yafke," upon him because it means "evening" in the Muscogee (Creek) lan- guage. He thought this ap- propriate for his last child's birth.

Growing up in the Muscogee Nation, it was not difficult for John to become familiar with his American Indian roots. He continues to embrace these traditions as an adult. John was especially influenced by his uncle,

the late Mason "Buddy" Scott, who was an award- winning flute maker and skilled in many traditional In- dian arts. "He first introduced me to the magic of traditional flutes," said Timothy.

Prior to serving as Director of Ataloa Lodge, John Timothy served for six years as the Cultural Arts Coordinator for The Five Civilized Tribes Museum and Center for the Study of In- dian Territory.

Timothy's first CD was entitled, "That Ole Sofkee Spoon." He and Lisa LaRue both con- tributed to this first CD. The CD is a mixture of cool blues, smooth jazz, with a twist of Native American flute.

His latest CD is entitled, "Invtska." In the tradition of the Muscogee people a man is be- lieved to have two souls, first the good spirit, Invtska, which goes with him through life and talks to him in his dreams and signifies his tal- ent, identity, and genius. The second, Yafikica, is a spirit or soul of the afterlife, which guides sentiments, passions, feeling of good and evil.

Timothy has recently signed a recording contract with Oyate Music Group Recordings. For more infor- mation about "Yakfke" visit his site at [www.yakfe.com](http://www.yakfe.com).



## Jerry Seinfeld live in concert

TULSA — Due to popular demand, America's premier stand-up comedian is hitting the road in a re- turn to his first love, stand-up comedy. Recently hailed as the master stand-up comic for his generation and the best comedian of our time in a Washington Post article by Tom Shales, Seinfeld has an uncanny ability to joke about the little things in life that relate to audiences ev- erywhere.

Seinfeld has set his sights on performing across the country in 2004. His show comes to Tulsa on Fri- day, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. A special internet presale begins on Friday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. at [www.tulsapac.com](http://www.tulsapac.com). Phone and ticket window sales begin on Monday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. Call 918-596-7111 for tickets.



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